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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

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1. CHARLOTTESVILLE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION WILL BE DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE POGGIO A CAIANO AND PRATO DELEGATION. COMMISSION WILLING TO PROVIDE VIP TOURS OF BICENTENNIAL CENTER EXHIBITS, MONTICELLO, AND UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA. SPECIAL EVENTS KEYED TO FILIPPO MAZZEI COULD ALSO BE ARRANGED.

2. BECAUSE OF CROWDED SCHEDULE, CHARLOTTESVILLE OFFICIALS CANNOT ACCEPT ITALIAN GROUP'S KIND INVITATION FOR A RETURN VISIT TO ITALY. BASED ON MAYOR PEZZATTI'S REMARKS TO CONSUL GENERAL GORDON JANUARY 16, DEPT ASSURED COMMISSION THAT ITALIANS WOULD UNDERSTAND THIS.

3. COMMISSION PREFERS TRIP TO BE IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER, WHICH WOULD PERMIT MAXIMUM ATTENTION TO ITALIAN DELEGATION. COMMISSION WILL SET FORTH FORMAL INVITATION AND DETAILED
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PROPOSALS FOR PROGRAM IN LETTER WHICH DEPT WILL FORWARD

TO CONGEN.

4. COMMISSION EXPECTS ITALIAN SIDE WILL PAY ALL COSTS, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, MEALS, BUT WILL ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE VOLUNTEER INTERPRETERS FROM UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA AS NEEDED. ITALIAN GROUP SHOULD ALSO MAKE DIRECTLY ALL HOTEL AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.

5. DEPARTMENT WORKING ON ASSUMPTION THAT NONE OF PROJECTED MEMBERS DELEGATION ARE PCI. PLEASE CONFIRM. INGERSOLL

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